the clearances for the proposed Ichampalli Lift Irrigation Project will be accorded; and

(b) if so, when the approval for this project is likely to be accorded and funds provided therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) No proposal pertaining to Inchampalli Lift Irrigation Project has been received in Central Water Commission for techno-economic appraisal. The Government of Andhra Pradesh have however on 29.5.2001 submitted a pre-feasibility report of the Godavari Lift Irrigation Scheme envisaging construction of a lift scheme 16 km below Ichampalli on Godavari to irrigate about 2 lakh ha. by lifting 50 TMC. Since the project being located in lower Godavari sub basin G-10, the Government of Andhra Pradesh can utilise all water of Lower Godavari sub Basin, as per the award of the Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been asked by Ministry of Water Resources to submit the detailed project report for techno-economic appraisal in the Central Water Commission and thereafter obtain the investment clearance from the Planning Commission.

Irrigation being a State subject, the concerned State Governments are primarily responsible for planning funding and execution etc. of all types of irrigation projects/schemes including flood control and drainage from their own resources and as per their own priorities.

Loss due to floods

†2579. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that floods in various parts of the country causes heavy loss to life and property every year;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any effective measures to solve the flood problem; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Flood Management being a State subject, flood control schemes are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments themselves out of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

their own resources and as per their own priorities. Central Government renders assistance that are technical, catalytical and promotional in nature.

The Government of India has set up Ganga Flood Control Commission to tackle the flood problem in Ganga basin, which has prepared comprehensive plans for flood management for all the 23 river systems of Ganga basin. Similarly, the Brahmaputra Board set up by the Government of India under an Act of Parliament has prepared Master Plan for main Brahmaputra and Barak valley *inter-alia* to control floods in North- Eastern region. These plans have been forwarded to respective State Governments for preparing detailed schemes based on ground surveys and for implementation. The Central Government has also set up 159 Flood Forecasting Stations on major interstate rivers which give timely warning to all flood affected regions in various States.

The Government of India constituted several expert committees to study the problem of floods in the country. The Rashtriya Barh Ayog (RBA) set up in 1976 examined the problem in detail and submitted its report in 1980. The recommendations of RBA, which form the framework for flood management strategy in the country, were forwarded to all the State Governments for implementation.

Further, a number of other Expert Committees/Task Forces were constituted from time to time to examine the area/region specific problems relating to floods, whose recommendations were also sent to the respective State Governments for implementation.

SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Sir, we have given a notice for suspension of the Question Hour...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please go back to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*....

श्री संघप्रिय गौतम: पहले बैठ तो जाने दीजिए। .....(व्यवधान).....

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI; Sir, ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please go to your seats. ...*(Interruptions)*...Your Leader ...*(Interrutions)*..

श्री सुरेश पचौरी: सभापति महोदय, प्रश्नकाल का....(व्यवधान)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned for the day ...*(Interruptions)*...

The House then adjourned at one minute past eleven of the clock, till eleven of the clock on Thursday, the 16th August, 2001.